Docket No.

236399US0X

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mechthild RIEPING, et al.

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FOR:

PROCESS FOR THE FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING STRAINS OF THE

ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Election & Response to Restriction Requirement

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS		RATE		CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	33	MINUS	20	13	х	\$50	=	\$650.00
INDEPENDENT	2	MINUS	3	0	х	\$200	=	\$0.00
		☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS + \$360 =					\$0.00	
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$650.00	
☐ Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity						\$0.00		
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					TOTAL			\$650.00

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